

Church Face: Free
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2 Corinthians 5:17 TPT

Now, if anyone is enfolded into Christ, he has become an entirely new person. All that is related to the old order has vanished. Behold, everything is fresh and new.

Romans 12:2 NLT

Don't *copy* the behavior and customs of this world, but let God transform you into a new person by changing the way you think. Then you will learn to know God's will for you, which is good and pleasing and perfect.

Ephesians 2:10 NLT

For we are God's masterpiece. He has created us anew in Christ Jesus, so we can do the good things he planned for us long ago.

Masterpiece = Greek is translated: Poiema

Translated "poem" or "poetry"

Galatians 5:1 NIV

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How do we live FREE in WHO God has called us to be?

1. Stop Comparing and Start Declaring

"Comparison is the thief of joy." – Theodore Roosevelt

2 Corinthians 10:12-13 NLT

12 Oh, don't worry; we wouldn't dare say that we are as wonderful as these other men who tell you how important they are! But they are only comparing themselves with each other, using themselves as the standard of measurement. How ignorant! 13 We will not boast about things done outside our area of authority. We will boast only about what has happened within the boundaries of the work God has given

us, which includes our working with you. God has appointed us—a measure that, by the way, has reached as far as you.

Comparison leads to being “one-up” or “one-down” on others (superior or inferior to); and neither one is true humility.

WE ARE

Firmly rooted in Christ and being built up in Him. (Col. 2:7)

Have been made complete in Christ. (Colossians 2:10)

Members of a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a

People for God’s own possession. (1 Peter 2:9,10)

His Masterpiece. (Ephesians 2:10)

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2. Stop Competing and Start Celebrating

Luke 15:25-29, 31 NLT

²⁵ “Meanwhile, the older son was in the fields working. When he returned home, he heard music and dancing in the house, ²⁶ and he asked one of the servants what was going on. ²⁷ ‘Your brother is back,’ he was told, ‘and your father has killed the fattened calf. We are celebrating because of his safe return.’

²⁸ The older brother was angry and wouldn’t go in. His father came out and begged him, ²⁹ but he replied, ‘All these years I’ve slaved for you and never once refused to do a single thing you told me to. And in all that time you never gave me even one young goat for a feast with my friends... ³¹ “His father said to him, ‘Look, dear son, you have always stayed by me, and everything I have is yours. ³² We had to celebrate this happy day. For your brother was dead and has come back to life! He was lost, but now he is found!’”

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3. Reject Condemnation and Receive Affirmation

Romans 8:1-4 TPT

So now the case is closed. There remains no accusing voice of condemnation against those who are joined in life-union with Jesus, the Anointed One. For the “law” of the Spirit of life flowing

through the anointing of Jesus has liberated us from the “law” of sin and death. For God achieved what the law was unable to accomplish, because the law was limited by the weakness of human nature. Yet God sent us his Son in human form to identify with human weakness. Clothed with humanity, God’s Son gave his body to be the sin-offering so that God could once and for all condemn the guilt and power of sin. So now every righteous requirement of the law can be fulfilled through the Anointed One living his life in us. And we are free to live, not according to our flesh, but by the dynamic power of the Holy Spirit!

Ephesians 2:18 NLT

Now ***ALL*** of us can come to the Father through the same Holy Spirit because of what Christ has done for us

Galatians 5:1 NIV

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